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SUBJECT: MEDICAL REFERRALS OF TTPI NON-CONTRACT PERSONNEL

THIS IS SPECIFICALLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE REFERRAL OF

(SEE YOUR P010538Z MAR. 80 MESSAGE) BUT MORE

GENERALLY ON THE TOPIC OF MEDICAL REFERRALS OF ALL TTPI CITIZENS NOT UNDER CONTRACT AT ENEWETAK TO PROJECT CONTRACTORS.

(1) AGREEMENT NO. HD1102-77157-150 BETWEEN TTPI AND FCNA EXECUTED ON DEC 15, 1977, PROVIDES FOR CERTAIN SUPPORT SERVICES.

ITEM 11, MEDICAL, AT PG. 7, DISCUSSES EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION. THE AGREEMENT STIPULATES THAT IF SERVICES AT ENEWETAK ARE DETERMINED INADEQUATE BY THE HICOM REP, PATIENTS PAGE 2 RUHHPAA 3792 UNCLAS

WILL BE MOVED TO ADEQUATE FACILITY ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS.

(2) THE DETERMINATION OF ADEQUACY OF ENEWETAK'S MEDICAL FACILITY MUST, OF NECESSITY, BE DETERMINED ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

THE HEALTH AID AT JAPTAN IS AUTHORIZED, BY MARSHALL ISLANDS GOVERNMENT WITH MY CONCURRENCE, TO MAKE SUCH DETERMINATIONS WITH REGARD TO NON-CONTRACT TTPI PERSONNEL (IE JAPTAN COMMUNITY PERSONS PLUS SUPPORTING STAFF AND THEIR DEPENDENTS). THE IMPORTANCE OF THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN "EMERGENCY" VISA VIS ROUTINE REFERRAL AND ADEQUACY OF ENEWETAK

MEDICAL FACILITIES IS THEREFORE CRITICAL AND THE PROPER SUBJECT OF JAPTAN HEALTH AID DETERMINATION WHENEVER POSSIBLE.

(3) THE DEPARTURE OF A PATIENT IN YOUR CLINIC FOR SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO OUR ARRIVAL AT ENEWETAK, WAS ACCOMPLISHED IN A MANNER WHICH NEITHER CONFORMS TO THE TTPI/FCNA AGREEMENT, NOR TOOK INTO ACCOUNT PRIOR KMR ADVICE OF INABILITY TO TREAT/EVALUATE FURTHER AND TTPI/MARSHALLS

GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND AUTHORITY. THE ULTIMATE DECISION TO REFER THE PATIENT TO TRIPLER ARMY MEDICAL CENTER FROM KWAJALEIN BY THE MARSHALL ISLANDS GOVERNMENT DOES NOT CHANGE THAT FACT.

(4) CONFORMITY WITH APPLICABLE AGREEMENTS HAS REMAINED A GUIDING DETERMINANT IN THE SUCCESS OF THE JOINT ENEWETAK EFFORT. HOWEVER, ADVANCE PLANNING AND COORDINATION TO ANTICIPATE THE USE OF

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TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER RESOURCES HAS BEEN NO LESS IMPORTANT. THE DECISION TO AIR EVACUATE AT A TIME FULLY FOUR DAYS AFTER HOSPITALIZATION 2 DAYS AFTER KMR ADVICE OF MOBILITY TO FURTHER TREAT/EVALUATE AND 1/2 HOUR AFTER SCHEDULED DEPARTURE TIME OF A MAC FLIGHT TO KWAJALEIN MAY HAVE BEEN NECESSARY, BUT CERTAINLY THE WAY IT WAS ACCOMPLISHED WAS NOT. IN CONSIDERING THE PATIENT FIRST, AND THAT IS NOT DEBATABLE, WE SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER HOW A PATIENT FEELS WHEN PLACED ON A PLANE WITHOUT PREPARATION FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO MUCH AS PACK A BAG, FIND A PASSPORT OR TAKE SOME SPENDING MONEY. //

(5) I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS ON HOW WE MIGHT ENSURE THIS SORT OF THING DOES NOT HAPPEN AGAIN.

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